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## Easter PARADE



## Councilmen Go on Record Favoring GVHC, Despite Some Reservations

By I. J. Parker

"How do you feel about the sale of Greenbelt?" This question was put to the city council by W. Earl Thomas, member of the board of directors of the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation, at last Monday's council meeting. Thomas, appearing as a resident and not a GVHC board member, wanted the council's viewpoint in addition to the "over 100 residents" he had interviewed during the week.

### Councilmen View Housing

Mayor Frank Lastner is "sold on the idea that PHA will sell. If we don't buy, Greenbelt will be sold to a private concern." Councilman Ben Goldfaden: "The figures are too high. Most residents are scared of buying at those monthly charges." Councilman Thomas Canning reiterated the statements of the council at Congressional hearings on the disposition of the city: "While we do not favor the sale of Greenbelt, we favor purchase by the residents if Greenbelt must be sold." Councilman James Wolfe agreed with Canning.

Councilman Steve Comings had two viewpoints — personal and council. He declared he owed allegiance to the majority of the citizens who he feels do not want to buy under existing payments, policies, and lack of harmony. He felt the present solution would not make for a happy place to live, and cited the boisterous membership meeting a few weeks ago. Personally, he felt the payments were reasonable, but were proof the residents are "subsidized" by the government. A meeting with the GVHC board was arranged for the discussion of water and electricity supply, possession of the driveways in courts, and the problem of future development.

### Swimming Pool Rate

Admission rates for the swimming pool were established for the summer season. Adult rates were raised to 45 cents. A new age bracket, 16 to 20 inclusive, will pay 25 cents; 12-15 inclusive, 15 cents; and 6-11 inclusive, 10 cents. Taxes on admissions were cancelled by the federal government this year, and all the revenue will go into the city treasury. Swimming class rates will remain the same.

An ordinance to prohibit passing a school bus when loading or unloading passengers was passed by the council, after discovery was made that the state law exempts such a violation in cities over 5,000 population. The peculiarity in the state law came as a "revelation" to the mayor, and he hoped other Maryland municipalities would take notice.

A first reading of a resolution to relinquish the Western Union service supplied by the police department was passed.

### Lake Police

City Manager Charles MacDonald requested consideration of placing a uniformed policeman at the lake area to prevent the littering, vandalism, and impropriety of guests at the lake. The cost was put at \$1000, including the uniform. Several council members expressed disappointment at the shocking condition of the lake area, and urged a plain-clothesman be used to apprehend violators.

Comings disapproved of the plan. He urged the police to enforce existing ordinances and offered the scarcity of arrests on littering violations as examples of poor enforcement. When the police make some arrests and still fail to clean up the lake problem, then come around, he declared. Any expenditures for lake area enforcement should come from present funds in the department of public safety, Comings added.

"Scotchlite," a luminous material, will be applied to the 862 bicycles in Greenbelt by the police department, in cooperation with the North End PTA, after an appropriation of \$76 for the tape was approved by the council. The tape will provide a safety measure for bike-riders after dark, as the material has high visibility. Application of the Scotchlite is free. The meeting was attended by several members of the North End PTA.

### WHAT GOES ON

April 12 - Drop Inn Easter Dance - 8-12 p.m.  
 April 23 - Community Men's Dinner - Dr. Frank Burnett, speaker.  
 April 25 - All Boys Club Boxing - Center auditorium.  
 April 26 - JCC Bingo.  
 April 14 - GVHC Membership Meeting - Center auditorium.

### The City Desk

By Charles McDonald

*Note: The city office will be closed tomorrow, Good Friday, April 11.*

**Public Safety:** A 13-year-old girl was thrown from her bicycle in front of the City offices when she collided with the car of a Greenbelt resident driving out of the parking lot. The girl was only slightly injured, but the bicycle was seriously damaged.

**Public Health:** Health Nurse, Mrs. Frances Stouffer, has returned to duty after a week's vacation in the hills of North Carolina. The Tuesday clinic was well attended. A number of cases of three-day measles have been reported during the week.

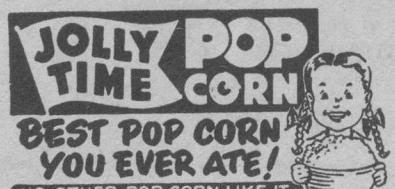
**Public Library:** The library will be closed Friday, which is observed as a municipal holiday. A nice display of Easter reading is on the tables this week.

**Finance:** The annual audit for the year 1951 was completed last week by a firm of certified public accountants from Baltimore.

**Public Works:** The tree-planting project along Southway has been made possible by an assist from the Maryland State Department of Forestry. It is hoped that additional planting, especially in the North End, will be possible in the near future, now that the streets have been dedicated to the city.

**Recreation:** The athletic fields were swarming with tryouts for the several Boys Club and Little League teams over the weekend. The condition of the fields has not permitted the Public Works men to prepare them for use this spring because of the frequent rains.

**Bus Operation:** Special trips to the American Legion and St. Hugh's socials on Tuesdays and Fridays have been discontinued because of the lack of customers. During the Easter holidays, neither the School Special nor the Shoppers' Special buses will operate.



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## Residents Must Buy Present Dwellings

By Ralph and Carolyn Miller

Reversing the policy announced at the April 2 membership meeting, the board of directors of Greenbelt Veterans' Housing Corporation voted Monday night to require participating members to make down-payments and pay carrying charges on the houses they occupy at the time they sign the perpetual use contract. Members may state their preference for another unit following the signing of the contract.

The decision was reached after a lengthy discussion of the difficulties foreseen if a member paid rent or charges on the house he lives in and made the down-payment on the house of his choice while waiting for the tenant of the selected unit to vacate.

### Meet April 14

Next membership meeting will be held on Monday, April 14, at 8:15 p.m. in the Center school auditorium. Consideration of by-laws and announcement of the membership drive plans are on the agenda for the meeting.

It is expected that the decision made at the April 2 membership meeting to require that all 800 participants be Greenbelt residents will be challenged, and another vote may be taken on this matter.

The Board was reminded by President Mike Sazlman that 400 of the 800 participating members required by Public Housing Administration by April 30, 1952, must be veterans.

### Council Backing 100%

Earl Thomas reported that the City Council had expressed 100% support of the mutual housing plan for Greenbelt and had asked for a meeting with the housing board. The only reservation expressed by Council members, Thomas said, concerned the "high carrying charges." Board member Adelbert C. Long asked if Thomas had asked the Council if they had considered reducing the taxes.

Salzman was questioned about his progress in renegotiating the sales price, in accordance with the directive of the April 2 membership meeting. He replied that GVHC could not renegotiate effectively until a group of members had made their \$100 deposits.

Other subjects discussed by the Board on which decisions were not reached included zoning problems, the undeveloped land, and commercial properties.

### Leslie Atkins

Leslie Atkins, former Greenbelt resident, died last Monday at his home in Bladensburg, Maryland. He is survived by his wife, Edith, and two children, Ann, 16, and Pierce, 13.

Mr. Atkins will be remembered by Greenbelters for his participation in community affairs during the early years of Greenbelt. He moved to Bladensburg in 1943.

A talented musician, he was active in organizing the Greenbelt band and secured the first instruments used by the band. His service on the board of directors of the Greenbelt Health Association led to an interest in the distribution of medical supplies. His positions with UNRRA and the World Health Organization were in this field.

## Boy's Club Activities

By Lee

Coach Bill Moore's high-flying Orioles will muster their diamond forces on Braden Field at 1 p.m. Monday, April 14 for the first of six days' spring training during the Easter Holidays, which will serve to get a line on the 1952 Oriole team.

Last year's Prince Georges County Boys Club Champions coming back again this year are plentiful enough to promise an interesting nine this season. Holdovers include Bob Gross and Stu Knott from the outer garden force; Dave Lee and Mike Cockill from the infield; Bob Jameson and Bob "Bing" Miller, catchers; and Jim Stripling, ace righthander from the mound force.

A number of last season's Junior Bees showed enough promise to win a berth with the Orioles this season.

Coach Moore invites all Greenbelt boys in the Junior age bracket (any boy who was 16 since January 1 or younger) to report with gloves and spikes ready for the initial practice Monday.

Older boys will necessarily try out with the Senior team at a later date to be announced.

Coach Caldwell Baker invites all boys in the Midget age bracket (13 and under since January 1, 1952) to be down at Braden Field Sunday, April 13 at 2:30 p.m. for tryouts with the 1952 Boys Club Midget team. Plenty of positions are open for boys to make the team.

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## Letters To The Editor

### THANK YOU

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the members of the Department of Public Safety, Mr. McDonald, city manager, the members of City Council, associates and friends of the various city departments and organizations, for the fine ovation tendered me on my resignation from the Greenbelt Police Department. It was heartwarming to know that so many people were interested in my welfare. I am particularly grateful to Chief George J. Panagoulis and fellow officers who made all this possible.

Permit me at this time to call attention to the fine work that is being done by the Greenbelt Rescue Squad, a completely Volunteer Organization, working only for the welfare of Greenbelt citizens. Their only aim is to be ready to answer that call, early or late, and I am proud to have been able to serve on occasions with them. I hope 'ere long that I shall be one of their number.

Now—LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I am deeply appreciative of the way in which the Greenbelt public has cooperated in both civic and police matters, and will never forget you.

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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE - 6 A.M.

An out-of-doors service to be held on the church grounds, 22 Ridge Road. Sermon topic: HE IS RISEN, AS HE SAID.

EASTER SERVICE - 11 A.M.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at this service. Sermon topic: THE RISEN SAVIOR SPEAKS HIS EASTER GREETING.

You are cordially invited to worship with us at these services. In case of unfavorable weather, the Sunrise Service will be held at the Center School. All church services are held in the Center School.

Edward H. Birner, Vicar

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## 202 Wolves, Lions, Bears To Study Gardening

Cub Pack 202 opened their March meeting with a salute to the flag and singing. All dens participated in a jungle dance, each cub wearing an animal mask he had designed and made.

Cubmaster Ohlmacher presented Bobcat pins to Michael Stolberg, Maurice Palmerton, Robert Coleman, Jackie Fruchtmann, and Martin Walden. James Mundy, Ian Vogel, Michael Mague, Richard Emde, William Thompson, and William McGuire completed the wolf trail to receive Wolf badges. Tommy Stage, Edward Wilkinson, Alexander Chavrid, and Walter Fink advanced to the Bear rank. Court Bailey and John LaMacchia advanced to the Lion rank. Court also earned 4 Arrow points which he may now wear under his badge.

Ronald Newman received the highest rank in cub scouting, the Webelos badge. He is now ready to become a Boy Scout. Scoutmaster Birdseye from Troop 202 presented the colors to Ronald when scouts Vella and Birdseye brought candidate Newman to him. James McAleer, Jerry Brenan, Richard Moss, David Dalbow, William McGuire, Leslie Linetsky, Donald Cuppy and Richard Emde earned Arrow points.

James Hunt was elected Assistant Denner of Den 2 and received his badge and Robert Andros received the 2 year pin.

Hans Jorgensen showed colored slides on gardening to help the Cubs in their April project, "Things to Grow."

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Telephone 3703

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## HEBREW SERVICES

Benjamin Rosenzweig

Friday, April 11 - Services will be held in the home of Joseph Dallis, 32-D Ridge Road, at 8:30 p.m. Candlelighting - 6:26 p.m. Reading from the Prophets - Leviticus 8:36 - 11:47. This is the second day of Passover. The Jewish Community Center extends its greetings for the Easter Holidays to its Christian friends in the community.

## MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

C. R. Strausburg, Minister  
Phone 4987

Easter Day, April 13 - Session of the Sunday School at the North End School, 9:45 a.m. Louis Tierney, superintendent. Worship Service, reception of members, special music by the choir and sermon by the Pastor, 11 a.m. Sermon topic, "The Triumphant Hour". Members and friends are urged to attend the service. Meeting of the Official Board in the Church, 8 p.m.

## COVER CONTEST

One hundred dollars will be awarded to the artist (amateur or professional) submitting the design most suitable for the cover of the 1952-53 program of the National Symphony Orchestra. Entries must be in the Symphony Office, 1727 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. before August 1, 1952. Anyone not employed by the Orchestra is eligible to enter. Color may be used, but the design should be adaptable to black and white reproduction also.

Any other details necessary may be obtained at the Symphony Office.

## Troop 229 Parents Attend Special Meeting

Boy Scout Troop 229 committee had Scout parents as guests at a special meeting Sunday night, April 6, at the Athletic Club. Speakers for the evening were City Manager Charles McDonald and Committee Chairman Woodrow Page. Howard Hunt, neighborhood commissioner, presented the troop charter to Edgar Swisher, institutional representative.

This was the first of a planned series of quarterly meetings.

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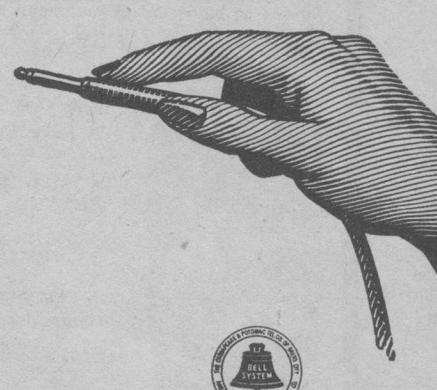
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## Pix Nixed By TV Soon Dark T, W, Th

By George C. Reeves

The Greenbelt Theater will be closed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays beginning soon as a result of action taken Tuesday night by the board of directors of Greenbelt Consumer Services. Jack Fruchtman, theater manager, proposed the curtailment of operations and concentration on weekend showing as a means of keeping the enterprise financially sound, since midweek attendance has been light with the advent of television.

The public had been invited to attend the meeting and express opinions on means of solving the theater problem. Seven non-board members were present but no opinion contrary to Fruchtman's suggestion was expressed. It was explained that the theater would be available for civic and voluntary affairs and entertainments on the off days. Announcement will be made in the Cooperator of the date when the new policy will go into effect.

The educational and promotional budget amounting to some \$13,000 was discussed but not adopted, pending further study. It was decided to include "partial members" (people who have accumulated partial credit toward a share of stock by leaving their patronage refunds on deposit with the corporation) on the mailing list.

Ben Rosenzweig reported on plans for the Cooperative Institute to be held at Amherst, Mass., July 20-26, and management was requested to find out how many employees and members would like to attend.

### Anna G. Volkhausen

One of Greenbelt's original residents, Miss Anna Volkhausen, died March 28 at Gallinger Hospital. She moved into Greenbelt in October 1937 with her sister-in-law and nephew Bob.

Miss Volkhausen was born in New York City in 1869. A graduate of Hunter College, she taught for a time in New York City schools.

After the death of her parents she made her home with her brother and his family, and helped to bring up his two sons, Bob and Louis.

She was a charter member of the Greenbelt Community Church, Greenbelt Consumer Services, and the Greenbelt Health Association. Funeral services held at Community Church April first were the first to take place in the new church. Interment was at St. John's Church, Beltsville. Pallbearers were Hans Jorgensen, Frank Harper, Frank Galvin, Ben Perelzweig, Henry Walter and George Reeves.

### Personals

(Ed. Note: Please call in your personal items during Mrs. Trattler's leave of absence.)

Rabbi Seymour Zahn has resigned as spiritual leader of the Jewish Community Center of Greenbelt, to return to New York City. Rabbi Zahn says his stay here was very pleasant, and he hopes to return to the Washington area when circumstances permit.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Catalano of 2-D Research, Greenbelt, announce the engagement of their daughter, Virginia Boyer, to Joseph G. Klinger, 340 Wilson Ave., Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. G. Levy of Long Beach, California, is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Helen and Mike Salzman. Helen's sister came down as a surprise from New York. Grandsons Gil and Steve are having a swell time.

According to Drop Inn supervisor, Bobbie Baxter, there will be no bowling for the juniors Saturday night, April 12. Instead, members will hold their Easter Dance from 8 to 12. The Youth Center will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Over the Easter holidays, the Drop Inn will be open every night to both Seniors

## CLUB CORNER

(Ed. note - From time to time we will print in this column histories and programs of Greenbelt organizations)

Members of the North End PTA are continuing their efforts to fulfill the purpose for which it was organized some five years ago, namely, to help make conditions better for our children by bridging the gap between the school and the home. We have been fortunate this year in being represented at the Summer Workshop held at the University of Maryland, the State Convention of Parents and Teachers, the meetings of the County Council of Parents and Teachers, the budget hearings held in Upper Marlboro, and the fourth annual meeting of the Committee-at-large of the Prince Georges County Mental Health Group.

Locally we have been actively represented in the community by our participation in Brotherhood Week, by attending sessions of the City Council meetings, and in safety projects cooperating with local authorities.

We have, through numerous money-raising endeavors over the years, provided the school with an Ampro projector, screen and some film strips to amplify their supply of audio-visual equipment. Begun last year, and near completion, are plans for providing the auditorium with multi-purpose drapes to beautify the building and to blackout the auditorium when necessary.

### CONSTABLES CORNER

By David Reznikoff

A couple of junior size tarzans were seen swinging across the road on the end of a rope suspended from a tree at the North End. Dr. Mott of the Beltsville animal disease station, who spotted the athletes, called the police to persuade them to practice in a less hazardous location . . . Two bikes at first thought stolen were found, and the report was changed to "borrowed." . . . Sharpshooters were at work on Crescent road shooting BBs. (It seems that whoever was practicing does not or cannot read the Operator.)

and Juniors together from 7:30 to 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rutherford, Jr., of Berryville, Va. are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Scott Clifton, born April 6. Mrs. Rutherford—formerly Miss Rose Ann Elliott—resided with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Murray, 45-G Ridge Road, while working in Washington previous to her marriage. Mr. Rutherford stayed with his sister, and brother-in-law, the Ray Newling at 62 Ridge while going to college, and working in the meat department of the old Co-op Food Store.

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## Methodist Congregation To Use Larger Quarters

The Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church reports its first step in expansion, a move to larger quarters in the North End school in order to accommodate its membership.

Beginning Sunday, April 13, all Sunday School classes will meet at 9:45 a.m., in the North End school. The worship service this Sunday will be held in the present church.

On Sunday, April 20, and each Sunday thereafter, the entire church program will be held in the North End school.

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